(g) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (g) No formal Agreement at the Official level has been entered into with Pakistan for supply of Indian Sugar. However, the Indian Sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation Limited (ISGIEIC) which is the designated agency for export of sugar from India, has received orders from the Trading Corporation of Pakistan and other private parties for supply of 2.08 lakh tonnes of sugar during the current year of which 1.20 lakh tonnes have already been shipped after quality test by the surveyors nominated by the Pakistani buyers.

बेरोजगारी भत्ता

2133. **श्री इकबाल सिंह:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा रोजगार कार्यालयों में पंजीकृत बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों को अब तक बेरोजगार भत्ता प्रदान न किए जाने के प्रमुख कारण क्या हैं; और

(ख) सरकार न्यूनतम कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत किन-किन कार्यक्रमों और योजनाओं पर विशेष बल दे रही है अथवा देने का विचार रखती है?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री एम॰ अरूणाचलम): (क) केन्द्र सरकार मुख्य रूप से संसाधन संबंधी बाधाओं के कारण बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों की किसी भी श्रेणी को बेरोजगारी भत्ता देने की स्थिति में नहीं है।

(ख) आठवीं योजना का रोजगार नीति 2002 तक लगभग पूर्ण रोजगार की स्थिति पाने के लिए लक्ष्य हेतु एक मध्यावधि परिप्रेक्ष्य के भाग के रूप में तैयार की गई है। योजना में अपेक्षाकृत उच्च रोजगार संभाव्यता के तीव्र वृद्धि वाले सैक्टरों, सब-सैक्टरों एवं क्षेत्रों के माध्यम से रोजगार सृजन को तेज करने की परिकल्पना की गई है। सरकार द्वारा कई केन्द्र प्रायोजित/केन्द्रीय क्षेत्रक विशेष रोजगार कार्यक्रमों को कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है, जिनमें से मुख्य कार्यक्रम हैं——एकीकृत ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम (आईआरडीपी) जवाहर रोजगार योजना (जेआरवाई, रोजगार आश्वासन योजना) (ईएएस) नेहरू रोजगार योजना (एनआरवाई) प्रधान मंत्री रोजगार योजना पीएमआरवाई) तथा खादी एवं ग्रामोद्योग (केवीआईसी) की 20 लाख नौकरियों की योजना। 1997-2002 की अवधि के दौरान 8वीं योजना की रोजगार नीति को जारी रखने से देश में लगभग पूर्ण रोजगार की स्थिति प्राप्त किए जाने की संभावना है।

Demand for Review of Financing New Sugar Mills

2134. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories, called on the Prime Minister on June 15, 1996 to demand, among other, a review of the problem of financing new sugar mills, creation of buffer stock, revision of minimum cane prices;

(b) if so, what was their precise demand; and

(c) the Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The National Federation of Cooperative Sugar factories Ltd. have submitted a respresentation on 12.6.1996 in respect of the following problems of cooperative sugar factories:

(i) Finance for new sugar factories and those for working cooperative sugar factories.
(ii) Revision of levy sugar price for 1995-96 season.
(iii) Creation of buffer stock
(iv) Sugar Export, and
(v) Licensing of sugar industry.

(c) The representation is under consideration of the Government.

Constitution of Quality Council of India

2135. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute Quality Council of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the date by which it is likely to be constituted and whether the Council will have experts giving representation to various interests;

(d) whether the certification by the Quality Council of India will have global recognition;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether after the constitution of the Council, the Bureau of the Indian Standards will become part of the proposed Council; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) Government has decided to constitute the Quality Council of India (QCI), as an autonomous body registered under the Societies Registration Act. The Council will have representation from Government Departments and organisations involved with Quality Assurance, apex bodies of Industry including the SSI sector, exporters, consumer bodies, accredited certification bodies, Star Trading Houses, recipients of Quality Award, etc.

The Council will have in its fold:

1. National Accreditation Board for Products and Quality Systems Certification.

2. National Accreditation Board for Quality Management, Personnel and Training Organisations.

3. National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABTCL).

Action has been initiated to get the QCI registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act.

The QCI will provide the institutional framework to help in mutual recognition with other international and ntional accreditation bodies.

(f) and (g) BIS is expected to be represented on the QCI and will have a specific role within the framework of the QCI.

Scheme to Subsidise Diesel Oil

2136. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether MPEDA has any scheme to subsidise diesel oil for the fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of this scheme;

(c) number of people that availed of it in 1995-96; and

(d) other steps being taken by Government to assist marine foods exports from Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir. MPEDA has been operating a scheme for reimbursing a part of cost of high speed diesel consumed by deep sea fishing vessels. Moreover, it is not exclusively for the fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh. However, operation of the scheme has been kept in abeyance w.e.f. 1st March, 1996.

(b) For availing benefit under the scheme, owner of a vessel should be registered with Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) as an exporter. The vessel should also be registered with MPEDA. Apart from this, atleast 25% of the catch of the vessel in terms of value is required to be exported. The quantum of assistance admissible relates to actual fuel consumption multiplied by Rs. 1600 per K.L. or assessed fuel consumption multiplied by Rs. 1600 per K.L. or 10% of the f.o.b. value of exports from the catches of the vessel, whichever is the lowest.

(c) During 1995-96, 50 vessels of 22 companies availed an assistance amounting to Rs. 200.00 lakhs.

(d) The Government is taking the following steps through MPEDA to assist the marine products industry which in-

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